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Chance Means and Serially
Dependant Second Chance Mean

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ELECTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Examiner's election requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 provided in the Office Action dated July 16, 2002, kindly enter the following election:

Applicant elects species 2 (claims 13 and 14).

This election is respectfully made with traverse and undersigned requests the Examiner to kindly reconsider this position.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please add the new claims as follows:

Sub. B4) Claim 15 (new) - The device of claim 13 wherein said respective wheel of said reel is enabled only by one outcome and said wheel remains inoperative otherwise.

Claim 16 (new) - The device of claim 13 wherein comparator means are provided assessing outcomes on said N wheels including means to enable a further award based upon at least one outcome on said N wheels.

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Claim 17 (new) - The device of claim 16 wherein said further award includes an odometer type display showing a face value of a present, potential payout and said further award includes means to bestow either said face value, a multiplier of said face value on an unrelated amount.

Claim 18 (new) - The device of claim 17 wherein said multiplier is an integer.

Claim 19 (new) - The device of claim 17 wherein said multiplier is a fraction.

Claim 20 (new) - The device of claim 17 wherein said further award includes a wheel larger than said N wheels and disposed above said N wheels, said N wheels disposed above said N reels in substantial vertical alignment.

Claim 21 (new) - The method of claim 14 further including comparing an outcome exhibited on said N wheels, and enabling a further award based on one specific outcome being exhibited.

Claim 22 (new) - The method of claim 21 further including enabling chance means upon the occurrence of the one specific outcome to determine the further award.

Claim 23 (new) - The method of claim 22 further including displaying a prize available as the further award and bestowing to a player an award of the prize after modifying the prize upon executing the chance means.

Claim 24 (new) - The method of claim 23 including multiplying the prize by a number where the number is either an integer or a fraction.

REMARKS

The Office Action dated July 17, 2002, has been received and its contents carefully noted. With respect to the requirement for election between species 1 and 2, applicant